

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Eileen Mary Engwell was born on January 25, 1921, to Albert and Mary Engwell on a farm near Hazel, South Dakota; and,

*Whereas*, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

*Whereas*, Eileen married Carl Matteson on May 23, 1941, at Watertown, South Dakota, and to this union three children were born, Carolyn, Sandra and Craig, who in turn blessed them with numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; and,

*Whereas*, Eileen has devoted her life to her family and friends and is always there to help anyone in need; and,

*Whereas*, Eileen enjoys musical events, collecting special dolls and making quilts; and,

*Whereas*, Eileen will observe her 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 25, 2006, as

### *EILEEN MARY MATTESON DAY*

in South Dakota, and I join all her family and friends in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Nineteenth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.



*M. Michael Rounds*  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

*Chris Nelson*  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State